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HIGHLIGHTS

1. SUMMARY: SEPTELS REPORT APRIL 4 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON RENEGOTIATION OF THE US-EURATOM AGREEMENT, THE MTN, HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS IN THE ECE, STEEL SECTOR ISSUES, TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN, THE EC-CYPRUS TRADE AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, EC ADHERENCE TO THE EXPORT CREDIT ARRANGEMENT, AND THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 7-8 EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN COPENHAGEN. SEPTELS ALSO REPORT ON THE APRIL 3 MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE EC-GREECE ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS AND ON THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' APRIL 4 POLITICAL COOPERATION DISCUSSIONS. OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING ARE HIGHLIGHTED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. EC/YUGOSLAV RELATIONS:

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UK MINISTER OF STATE FRANK JUDD TOLD REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING THAT HE HAD DRAWN TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION THE FACT THAT, DURING A RECENT VISIT TO LONDON, YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT TITO EMPHASIZED TO PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN HIS VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND YUGOSLAVIA. JUDD SAID HE HIMSELF EXPRESSED TO THE

COUNCIL THE UK'S CONVICTION THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
EC AND YUGOSLAVIA SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED AS THE POST-TITO
ERA MOVES CLOSER.

3. AMOCO-CADIZ DISASTER:

THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD ADOPT AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE A COMMON POSITION ON INITIATIVES THAT
MIGHT BE TAKEN AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL TO PREVENT
POLLUTION OF THE SEA AND COASTLINES BY OIL TANKER
DISASTERS SUCH AS THE AMOCO-CADIZ SINKING. THE COMMISSION
AND COREPER ARE TO CONTINUE WORK ON THIS FILE. MORRIS

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